MACA
Youth & Volunteer Initiatives

Northwest Territories Municipal and Community Affairs

Volunteer Programs

Volunteer Development Fund

MACA encourages and supports volunteers and the voluntary sector in their efforts to help build effective and sustainable communities by assisting with training that supports community based strategies proposed by voluntary organizations. Non-profit volunteer organizations can apply for reimbursement of 50 percent of expenses to a maximum of $1,500 per fiscal year to assist with fees and directly related travel costs.

Outstanding Volunteer Awards

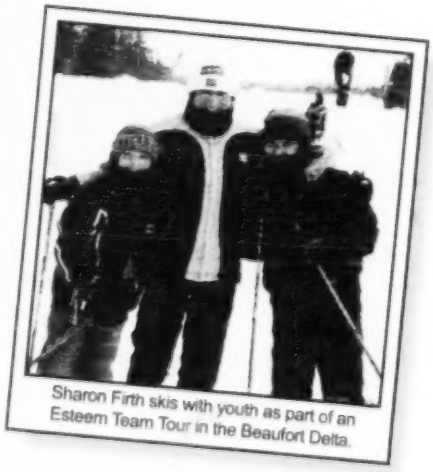
Each year MACA recognizes the outstanding contribution volunteers make to their communities across the Northwest Territories through the Outstanding Volunteer Awards Program. Nominations can be received throughout the year in the following categories:

- Outstanding Youth
- Outstanding Elder
- Outstanding Group
- Outstanding Volunteer

If you know of someone who deserves to be recognized with this territorial award please consider nominating someone for an award. Nominations are called for in February of each year.

Aurora College Subsidy Program

MACA and Aurora College offer Northern non-profit organizations the opportunity to apply for a 50 percent tuition subsidy on Continuing Education courses. The offer is available at the Aurora Campus (Inuvik), Thebacha Campus (Fort Smith) and the Yellowknife Campus. This initiative makes it easier for Northern voluntary organizations to build skills and capacity. Application forms are available at any of the Aurora College campuses.



Sharon Firth skis with youth as part of an Esteem Team Tour in the Beaufort Delta.

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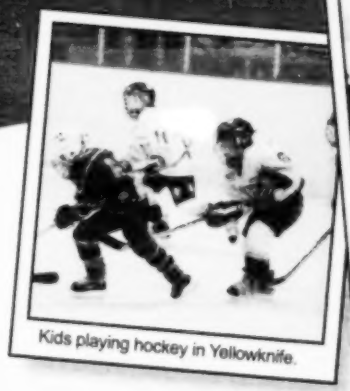
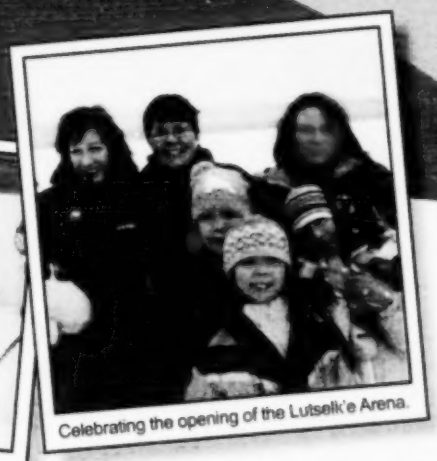


Kids playing hockey in Yellowknife.



Celebrating the opening of the Lutselk'e Arena.

Youth Programs

Northwest Territories Youth Corps Program

The Northwest Territories (NWT) Youth Corps Program is designed to assist community governments or volunteer organizations with programs that offer a structured and varied program of outdoor/cultural/environmental, educational, work, life and personal growth experiences that challenge, engage, reward and recognize youth.

The Program supports pilot projects that target non-mainstream, at-risk, and out of school NWT youth age 15-25. The programs must be designed to improve the outlook and opportunities for youth and help them choose to become healthy, educated people who are able to make responsible personal choices.

Major Projects

Communities and organizations can apply for longer-term major project funding for initiatives that are six months to three years in duration. Annual funding for a single project is between $50,000 and $70,000.

Youth Leadership Fund

Communities and organizations can also apply for short-term minor projects that are less than six months in duration but meet all of the other requirements under the program guidelines. The Department's total contribution for these initiatives is $10,000 per project.

Youth Conferences

Communities and organizations interested in running a youth conference are encouraged to contact their regional MACA office to see if the Department can assist. MACA can offer support, including the provision of speakers, prizes, logistical assistance or minor financial assistance.

Youth Trapper Training Program

In partnership with the Department of Industry, Tourism and Investment and the Department of Environment and Natural Resources, MACA supports a series of youth trapper training and traditional skills projects throughout the NWT. Programs are typically run in cooperation with schools and include an awards program.

Youth Contributions Program

The Youth Contribution Program supports initiatives that promote positive lifestyles and improve the quality of life and well-being of youth in their communities. This Program has been used to support youth to travel to Youth Conferences and to engage in various learning opportunities, other than sporting events. Community groups/organizations can apply annually, up to a maximum of $3,750 for projects held within the NWT and $2,500 for projects outside of the NWT.

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